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1. Shankarrao More, leader of one section of the 'Workers' and Peasants' Party ('PP'), recently told a Muslim businessman in Poona that if the latter would help the 'PP' by bringing the Muslims to join the movement, he would be helped financially for organizing the Muslims.¹
2. More is not unequivocally a Communist. Essentially, he is an opportunist and could be bought by any party. A capitalist in private life, More resigned from the Congress Party, because he felt it had neglected him.
3. Subsequently, he sought to become the leader of the Marathas in the Deccan. He did achieve, early in this effort, some peasant support, particularly from non-Brahmins in the Ahmadnagar area.
4. At about this time, More was contacted by certain Madras Communist, including Ellapa Bulvant, who is now one of More's confidants.²
5. More's peasant support (paragraph 3) ceased when he released his views through the 'PP'. The peasant masses feared that if they supported him they would lose the propriety rights to their lands. His current proposals that the peasants form a Collective Farming Society--aided by modern implements and manure to be furnished by the 'PP'--has been received with suspicion.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The wording of this paragraph, taken verbatim from the original report, has several possible meanings, viz:
- a. The "PP would pay the businessman a salary for recruiting Muslims for the "PP.
 - b. The "PP would meet all or part of the businessman's expenses for such recruiting.
 - c. The "PP would finance the businessman in organizing Muslims, if the ultimate purpose of that organization were to bring

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Muslims into the VPP.

In any case, the proposal is significant, if true, because it represents another attempt to draw Muslims into the Communist fold.

2. 25X1A **Comment.** This apparently resulted in More's connection with the VPP.

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